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In the Application of:

Docket No.: -2945-A

Barbara K. Finck et al.

Confirmation No. 1329

Serial No: 09/602,351

Group Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: David S. Romeo

For: SOLUBLE TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR RECEPTOR
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Remarks

In an Office Action mailed 01/13/2003 (Paper No. 18), the examiner has required that the applicants make a species election because some of the new claims submitted on 10/22/2002 recited several different types of psoriasis. These recitations appear in new claims 19, 20 and 21, each of which contains a Markush group naming several different types of psoriasis. Previously submitted claims had recited "psoriasis" but did not recite these specific types. Thus, in accord with M.P.E.P. § 818.02(b), the examiner has required that the applicants elect one species of psoriasis for immediate examination. In response to this requirement, the applicants elect "plaque psoriasis." Claims that read on the elected species are claims 1, 3-6, 8, 11-13 and 19-23, that is, all of the claims that now are under consideration in the application.

If the examiner has any further concerns regarding the pending claims, he is asked to contact the undersigned at her direct dial number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

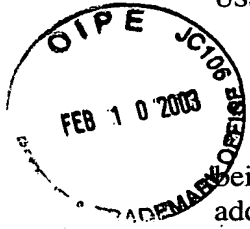
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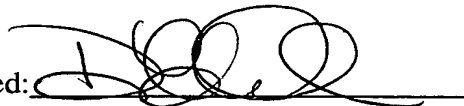
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